(b) A constant watch is kept on the production levels and stocks of foodgrains and efforts are made to have sufficient stocks of foodgrains in Central Pool to ensure adequate availability of foodgrains. Open sale of wheat and rice is undertaken to curb the inflationery trend in the market. Central issue prices of wheat and rice for PDS/RPDS have not been increased after 1.2.1994.

Committee on Agricultural Production

617. SHRI NITISH KUMAR.
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARJ :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have constituted an export committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan to give suggestions for increasing the agricultural production in the country:

(b) if so, the names of the other members of the said committee and details of their specialisation in the agriculture sector;

(c) whether the committee has started its work; and

(d) if so, the time by which the committee would submit its report to the Government and details of the other assignments entrusted to the committee inter-alia suggestion for increasing the agricultural production?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Names of other members of the Committee are indicated at statemnt attached.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of six months of the date of its constitution. As per terms of reference the Committee is to suggest ways and means for increasing productivity in the less productive areas, which *inter-alia* includes parameters for indentifying low agricultural producing areas, research and extension programmes, marketing of agricultural produce etc.

STATEMENT

Names of the Members of the Committee

1	Dr. Murili Manohar Joshi Member Lok Sabha	
2.	Shri Satrughan Prasad Singh Member Lok Sabha	
3.	Shri Chitta Basu Member Lok Sabha	
4.	Shri Mehboob Zahedi Member Lok Sabha	
5.	Shri Tariq Anwar Member Lok Sabha	
6.	Shri S. Ramachandra Reddy Member Lok Sabha	
7.	Shri Som Pal Member Rajya Sabha	
8.	Shri Parag Chaliha, Member Rajya Sabha	
9.	Shri Narendra Kumar Pradhan Member Rajya Sabha	
10.	Dr. Diwakar Jha (Agro-Econ.) DLF Qutub Enclave, Gurgaon, Haryana.	
11.	Shri Goripathi Narasimha Raju Yadav (Representative NGO) Gudur, Distt., Krishna (A.P.)	
12.	Dr. Atul Anjan (Representative) of Rural Interests) A-265, Pandara Road, New Delhi.	
13.	Dr. M.G.K. Menon	
14.	Shri J.N.L. Srivastava, Addl. Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation.	
15.	D.D.C. (Crops), ICAR.	
16.	Joint Secretary (Crops) Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation.	Member Secretary

Forest Land for Airport

618. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought permission for taking over about 1300 acres of land belonging to the Forest Department for the construction of the International Airport near Devanahalli, Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After examination of the proposal, certain essential details pertaining to item-wise work to be carried out over forest land, lay out plan, cost benefit analysis for the project etc. have been found lacking. The State Government has been requested to furnish the lacking details on 8.7.1996. In the absence of the complete details from the State Government the question of taking a final decision on the proposal does not arise.

Training to Women in Agriculture profession

619. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the kind of education/training imparted to women in rural areas in the matters of modern techniques of agriculture and other allied professions;

(b) the agencies through which such training is imparted: and

(c) the response to those schemes in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) (i) Skill oriented training in agriculture and allied areas is being imparted to women farmers of the rural areas.

(ii) Theoretical know how followed with practical demonstrations are organised either at the Institutional level or at the village level.

(iii) These are supplemented with hand on practices at the training centres or at the farmer's fields under the supervision of trainers.

(b) The trainings are imparted through

- Central Institutes viz. Commodities Training Centres, EEIs, ATCs.
- State level Institutes, Farmers Training Centres, Gram Sevak Training Centres, Gram Sevika Training Centres, Rural Development Training Centres.
- ICAR Institutes/Zonal Research Centres/ Regional Research Centres.
- Krishi Vigyan Kendras, NARP Centres, Krishi Gyan Kendras.
- State Agricultural Universities.

(c) There has been an overwhelming response to such trainings from the women farmers throughout India including U.P. and Bihar.

[Translation]

Drought in Uttar Pradesh

620. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not declaring all the districts adjacent to Rai Bareli and Sultanpur Constituencies as drought hit;

(b) the total amount allocated so far to these districts during the Eight Five Year Plan for drought (relief) by the State Government and Centre and the total revenue and 'Aampasi' waived off;

(c) whether a Committee was constituted on the complaints from people and investigations revealed that ordinary rain gauge were substituted with a broader rain-guage there so as to record low rainfall;

(d) whether the Government have got it inquired into to identify the culprits responsible for changing the rain-guage; and

(e) the action taken by the Government so far against guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Since there was no drought in Rai Bareli and Sultanpur areas or in the districts adjacent to Rai Bareli and Sultanpur there was no question of declaring any of the districts as drought affected in the current year.

(b) The Central Government has not given any additional assistance for drought relief to Uttar Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. The Central Government contributes 75% of the Calamity Relief Fund allocated to the State on the basis of the recommendations of the Ninth and Tenth Finance Commission. The State Government incurs expenditure on drought relief from the Calamity Relief Fund as may be required. The State Government does not have any information on total revenue and 'Aampasi' waived off.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Production of Sugarcane

621. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for sugarcane production in each State during 1996-97; and

(b) the estimated production likely to be achieved in each State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The State-wise target and likely production during 1996-97 are given in enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

State-wise break-up of proposed National target and likely production of sugarcane during 1996-97

(In lakh tonnes)

S.No.	State	Target	likely Prodn.
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	152	138.5
2.	Assam	22	14.8
3.	Bihar	95	56.4
4.	Gujarat	120	120.0
5.	Haryana	95	90.0
6.	Karnataka	240	255.2
7.	Kerala	7	5.0
8.	Madhya Pradesh	22	28.5
9.	Maharashtra	385	403.8
10.	Orissa	55	15.7
11.	Punjab	90	90.0
12.	Rajasthan	15	10.2
13.	Tamil Nadu	275	273.8